

PARISHES OF ST GABRIEL'S, BEXLEY and ST MARY MACKILLOP'S, ROCKDALE CITY

(Looking after the Churches of St Gabriel's, Bexley, St Joseph's, Rockdale, and St Francis Xavier's, Arncliffe)

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 19 & 20 FEBRUARY 2022

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SCHOOLS: **St Joseph's Primary, Rockdale:** 9599 2541 - Principal: Ms Carolyn Yeats
St Francis Xavier's Primary, Arncliffe: 9567 5389 – Acting Principal: Ms Debbie Heckenberg
St Gabriel's Primary, Bexley: 9502 1932 - Principal: Ms Catherine Hodgins

	ARNCLIFFE	ROCKDALE	BEXLEY
WEEKEND MASSES Saturday Vigil Sunday Masses	5.00pm Saturday 9.00am	6.30pm Saturday 9.00am (<i>Italian</i>) 10.30am 6.00pm (<i>Third Sunday only Filipino</i>)	----- 9.00am 5.00pm
WEEKDAY MASSES	9.00am Wednesday 9.00am Friday	7.00pm Tuesday (<i>Devotions, Exposition, Benediction & Rosary from 5.30pm</i>) 9.00am Thursday	9.00am Monday 9.30am Thursday 9.00am Saturday (<i>Benediction at 8.45am</i>)
CONFESSIONS	4.00 – 4.30pm 2 nd & 4 th Saturday of the Month	5.30 – 6.00pm 1 st & 3 rd Saturday of the Month	8.00 – 8.40am Saturday
BAPTISMS	10.00am 1 st Sunday of the month Please phone the Parish Office to make an enquiry or booking on 9567 1558 during office hours.	11.30am 2 nd Sunday of the month	10.00am 3 rd Sunday of the month
WEDDINGS	Monday to Saturday by appointment.		
1 st Reading: <i>1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23</i> ; 2 nd Reading: <i>1 Cor 15:45-49</i> ; Gospel: <i>Lk 6:27-38</i>			

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 102:1-4.10.12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
 all my being, bless his holy name.
 My soul, give thanks to the Lord
 and never forget all his blessings. *R/*



It is he who forgives all your guilt,
 who heals every one of your ills,
 who redeems your life from the grave,
 who crowns you with love and compassion. *R/*

The Lord is compassion and love,
 slow to anger and rich in mercy.
 He does not treat us according to our sins
 nor repay us according to our faults. *R/*

As far as the east is from the west
 so far does he remove our sins.
 As a father has compassion on his sons,
 the Lord has pity on those who fear him. *R/*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

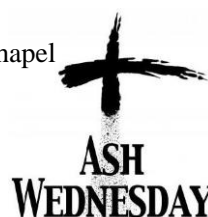
I give you a new commandment:
 love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 2nd March.

The Mass schedule will be:

- 8.10am Marist College Kogarah Chapel
- 9.00am Arncliffe
- 9.00am Rockdale
- 10.30am Bexley
- 10.30am (Italian) Rockdale
- 7.00pm Rockdale



FUNERALS

- The Funeral Mass for the late Rosina Giardullo will be held in St Francis Xavier's Church, **this coming Wednesday, 23rd February at 10.30am.**
- The Funeral Mass for the late Salvatore Arcamone (former Bexley parishioner) will be held **this coming Wednesday, 23rd February at 12 noon at St Mary's Church, 56 Burton Rd, Concord.**

Please keep both these families in your prayers.

MARKET DAY FUNDRAISER AT PEAKHURST

St Joseph's Riverwood are having a stall at the Foodies Market on **Saturday 5 March** from 8am to 3pm in the Church carpark in Isaac St, Peakhurst. The event holds something for everyone, even an amusement area for children. All proceeds from the St Joseph's table/s will go towards the Church's Roof Fund.

RESTRICTIONS ON OUR CHURCHES

- Check-ins are required for places of worship, funerals or memorial services.
- Masks are mandatory in places where you cannot socially distance, **i.e., places of worship.**
- **Singing is not permitted.**
- The sign of peace and passing of the collection plate continue to be suspended.
- **When preparing to receive Holy Communion, parishioners are asked to go seat by seat to enable more distancing between others who are in the line. Please go from the nearest seat to the Priest or Acolyte but please wait until there is space to join the queue before standing up.**
- ANYONE entering the church must give their details before entering the church. You can use the Service NSW QR code at the door or sign the parish sheets.
- Only one door will be opened to enable accurate recording of those attending.
- Hands must be sanitised when entering the church.
- Please do not come to the church if you are unwell, even if you do not think you have Covid and just a sore throat or a simple cold.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS OPEN DAYS

- Bethany College will be open on **Tuesday, 1st March** from 3.30 - 6.30pm. If you have girls who will be in Year 7 in 2024 the please come along and see the College and obtain an Enrolment Package which will be available on the day.
- St Francis Xavier's Arncliffe are holding an Open Afternoon on **Tuesday 8th March** from 5:00 - 6:30pm.
- St Gabriel's Bexley will have an Open Afternoon on **Tuesday 22nd March** from 3.30 - 4.30pm, bookings are essential and to contact the school (9502 1932) to book in.
- St Joseph's Rockdale will have their Open Afternoon on **Wednesday, 23 March** from 3.30 - 5.0pm.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PROGRAM 2022

All Catholic children currently in Year 3 or above who attend St Gabriel's, St Francis Xavier's, St Joseph's or any of the State schools in our parish are scheduled to make their First Reconciliation this year. Accordingly, there will be a Parent Information Evening on **Thursday, 10th March**, via ZOOM at **7.00pm for the parents or guardians of the children.**

At least one parent or guardian of a child is expected to attend this meeting. The program and ZOOM information will be given to each of our parish schools beforehand but if you have a child attending a State School we ask that you email the parish office admin@mmrc.org.au (please do not phone) and we will email the program and ZOOM information to you directly. Unfortunately, we do not know at this time when the Catechist Classes will recommence in the State Schools for 2022.

The children will attend four classes on Sunday mornings **commencing on Sunday, 13th March.** At the first class you are asked to bring a **copy (not the original) of your child's Catholic Baptism Certificate.** This is only for children Baptised outside our twinned parishes of Bexley, Rockdale and Arncliffe.

PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA

Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary Help of Christians. Through her prayers, grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TRAINING UPDATE

All parish volunteers who are Acolytes, Readers, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers and Choir members, are required to update their status by attending a training session. Unfortunately, due to current COVID-19 concerns the Safeguarding Office has decided to present all training for the first six months of 2022 either online or via zoom. The most important thing is to ensure the wellbeing and safety of our communities and we can do this by presenting via zoom or online.

Volunteers can register for the new Refresher Training via this link <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9> (which is a different link from the other online training registrations). Just a reminder that volunteers only need to complete the Refresher Training if they have completed the Induction Training a minimum of three years ago.

Volunteer Refresher training is available online or via Zoom. Below are the available dates for the Zoom Refresher Training, volunteers will simply need to register their attendance by emailing: safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

Date	Time
Tuesday, 22 February	9.00am – 10.00am
Friday, 11 March	3.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday, 31 March	9.00am – 10.00am
Wednesday, 6 April	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Monday, 16 May	3.00pm – 4.00pm

For those parishioners who do not have access to a computer and or zoom a Safeguarding update session is being offered on the following dates to live stream the zoom training in the parish hall at St Gabriel's Bexley. Please arrive 15 minutes before time.

- **This Tuesday February 22 from 9am - 10am**
- Wednesday April 6 4pm -5pm.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISHES

We have a number of parishioners who are suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses, so we ask that you please keep them all in your prayers.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Salvatore Arcamone, Rosina Giardullo, Imelda Wong, Atul Anthony Gomes and Martha Rozario.

ANNIVERSARIES: Colleen Euston, Margaret Goodwin, Amadea Scodeller, Nancy Parton, Santo Caruso, Giuseppe Valenti, Ruby Newton, Adam Streater, Horatious Whyte, Timothy McGann, Maria & Giuseppi Guarnieri, Mother Alphonsus Bell, rsm, Anabelle Tingzon, Pedro Panganiban, deceased members of the Panganiban & Cuago families.

We especially remember those for whom Masses have been requested, those in our Memorial Books and all our deceased relatives, friends, parishioners and benefactors. May they rest in peace.